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Awards, Speeches Highlight Convention

A variety of national awards, coupled with "prime time" programming and challenging addresses, highlighted ITPA's 61st annual convention in New Orleans last month.

Meeting at the Marriott Hotel Oct. 6 in conjunction with USITA's national convention, hundreds of Pioneers were on hand for the induction of four leaders into the Hall of Fame, as well as for presentation of two Pioneer of the Year awards, a Fellowship Award, and four Community Service Awards.

The Hall of Fame election results were announced at the Pioneer Honors and Mardi Gras Luncheon on Oct. 6. Elected were Ray Blain, senior technical editor of *Telephony* magazine; John Brown Cook, chairman, Reliable Electric Company, posthumously; Wesley H. Loomis III, retired president of General Telephone Directory Company; and Francis X. Welch, editor-in-chief emeritus, *Public Utilities Fortnightly*. Making the four presentations was Paul H. Henson, chairman of ITPA's Hall of Fame Honors Committee and chairman of United Telecommunications Inc.

New ITPA Officers Elected

New officers were elected for ITPA as follows: President George F. Griffin, Amery, Wis.; First Vice President Ben R. Miller, New Richmond, Ind.; Second Vice President Charles J. King, Las Vegas, Nev.; Third Vice President Richard E. Morris, Monrovia, Calif.; Secretary Thora Sheldon, Erie, Pa.; and Treasurer Raymond E. Dolar, Tampa, Fla.

For the eleventh year in a row, Elgin Electronics Inc. presented $2,500 to a charity chosen by the luncheon prize winner. The name of Marvin H. Sandidge, chairman and president of Peoples Telephone Company, was drawn and Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, was designated to receive the donation.

'Prime Time' for ITPA Program

The ITPA program was held during "prime time" on Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30, rather than at the earlier hours scheduled at previous annual conventions. Outgoing association President Frank S. Barnes Jr. of Rock Hill (S.C.) Telephone Company presided.

Featured speakers were Joe Healey, executive director of the Bell System's Telephone Pioneers of America, and Alfred J. Barran, retired group vice president, Western Region, GTE Service Corporation.

Mr. Healey reported on activities of the Bell Pioneer organization, and Mr. Barran's topic was "Pioneer Leadership Will Meet the Challenge."

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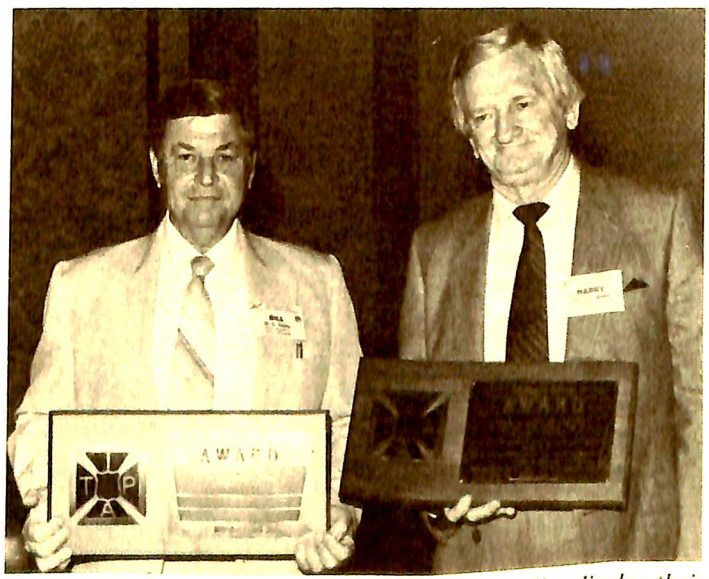

Pioneers William D. Bailey (L) and Harry E. Waller display their Pioneer of the Year awards. See story on page 5.

Four Inducted Into Hall of Fame

Four long-time contributors to the Independent telephone industry were inducted into the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association Hall of Fame at the Pioneer luncheon during the annual meeting in New Orleans, Oct. 6.

Ray Blain, Wesley H. Loomis III and Francis X. Welch received their awards from Paul H. Henson, chairman of ITPA's Honors Committee. Mrs. Marian Cook accepted the honor for her husband, the late John Brown Cook.

The new members bring to 59 the total who have received the highest honor bestowed by the association. Eligibility for the Hall of Fame is limited to those individuals who have made a significant national contribution to the industry.

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ITPA Convention

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Two Pioneer of the Year awards and one Fellowship Award stemming from the same activity were presented during the morning session. Harry E. Waller, chairman and president of Bruce (Miss.) Telephone Co., and William D. Bailey, president of Decatur (Miss.) Telephone Co., as well as the Mid-South Chapter were honored for a two-year project which resulted in bringing a telephone system to a Colombia, South America, educational facility.

Four Community Service Awards also were presented. The Bluebonnet Club and the San Joaquin Club were recognized for a series of local activities, and the James T. Maguire and Aubrey Wardman Clubs were honored for single projects involving special education and handicapped children. (See separate article in this issue.)

Regional Vice Presidents for the coming year are: Region I, Benjamin M. Witmer, Camp Hill, Pa.; Region II, George Rimmer, Tarboro, N.C.; Region III, Dean Jennings, Brooklyn, Mich.; Region IV, Robert F. Levo,

Joe Healey

Alfred Barran

San Angelo, Tex.; Region V, Henry M. Borys, Everett, Wash.; Region VI, Richard E. Morris, Monrovia, Calif.; Region VII, W.L. Eckles Jr., Lincoln, Neb.; Region VIII, George W. Rose, Tampa, Fla.

Chapter Directors elected to three-year terms were Jeanice Falls, Gus Lane Chapter; William C. Faust, Garden State Chapter; Jack H. Geist, Frank H. Woods Chapter; John W. Herdt, Jayhawk Chapter; Charles J. King, Silver State Chapter; Bennet R. Miller, J.K. Johnston Chapter; Frank Miller, Bermuda Chapter; James G. Murdock, National Capital Chapter; Russell E. Neathammer, Pioneers of Illinois; Victor G. Ritter, Buckeye State Chapter; William F. Smith, Kentucky Cardinal Chapter; William F. Walker, Keystone State Chapter. Betty Beecroft will fill a two-year term as Chapter director from the new Norwesco Chapter, and Douglas C. Dimmitt, Donald C. Power Chapter, fills a two-year unexpired term.

Directors-at-large elected for three-year terms are David O. Mercer, Redlands, Calif.; Largent M. Miller, Montgomery, Ala.; Robert M. Pirnie Sr., Union Springs, Ala., and Bert L. Steele, Tampa, Fla. In addition, Joe Maritan, Lenexa, Kan., was elected to fill a two-year director-at-large term.

Richard E. Morris, membership chairman, reported to the board that total membership as of Aug. 31, 1981, was 27,343, an increase of 1,712 over 1980. Sponsor members totaled 530.

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Elgin Check Goes to Union University

Marvin Sandidge (L) of Peoples Telephone Company accepts $2,500 Elgin Electronics Inc. check from Frank Barnes.

Hall of Fame

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Ray Blain

Ray Blain, who lives with his wife, Amelia, in Belleair Beach, Fla., is best known in the industry for his column, "Plant Man's Notebook," a regular feature in *Telephony* magazine since 1941, and for numerous technical articles in various trade publications.

Mr. Blain's telecommunications career spans some five decades. He began his career in 1913, serving both Southwestern Bell and Northwestern Bell before joining the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

His Signal Corps career was to last 43 years, the last 10 as chief engineer of the USA Signal Engineering Agency, where he attained the super-level grade, a first for someone in his position. During these years, he became a

ITPA Honors Committee Chairman Paul H. Henson (L) presents Hall of Fame plaque to Pioneer Ray Blain.

recognized authority on inside and outside plant telephone engineering. His contributions to improvement of the state-of-the-art of telephone systems for industry and government are well recognized.

A past president of ITPA, Blain organized the National Capital Chapter of the association. He also organized and was actively engaged in the annual Cable and Wire Symposiums.

Ray Blain was born in Kirkman, Iowa, on the last day of 1893, and retired on Aug. 31, 1961. A veteran of World War I Signal Corps duty, he reached the rank of technical sergeant. That was the beginning of his long term of duty to his government and the industry.

John Brown Cook

John Brown Cook, whose work enhanced the relationship between Independent telephone operating companies and their suppliers, was born in Chicago on the Fourth of July, 1908, and died April 17, 1978.

Mr. Cook had a distinguished 49-year career in the telephone industry, highlighted by his contributions as chairman of the USITA Manufacturers and Suppliers Committee.

Paul Henson (L) gives plaque to Marian Cook, widow of John Brown Cook, as their son watches.

After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1929, Mr. Cook joined a small supplier company in Chicago, Reliable Electric Company. He served in executive positions while contributing to the engineering and development of new products, and was elected president of the company in 1942.

In 1947 he became president of Whitney Blake Co., a manufacturer of wire and cable in New Haven, Conn., and in 1958 became chairman of both Reliable and Whitney Blake.

He made his most important contribution to the Independent telephone industry through his work with the Manufacturers and Suppliers Committee (and its predecessor committees) for more than a quarter of a century. He led the committee in implementing major changes in its operation and helped to conceive USITA's regional trade show program, now known as the Telephone Showcases. He led in the development of technical seminars and was a main force behind the move of U.S. suppliers into the international area.

For his many contributions to the industry, John Brown Cook was the recipient of the USITA Pacesetter Award in 1974.

Wesley H. Loomis III

Wesley H. Loomis III, a leader in telephone directory sales and publishing, has been an active member of ITPA and is the only man to serve three terms as president (1964-1966). He has been a key force behind the establishment of the Hall of Fame and a Hall of Fame Museum.

Mr. Loomis began his career as an industrial engineer with Automatic Electric Company in 1935 following graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After World War II he continued in the telephone industry by joining Loomis Advertising Company in Kansas City, and, upon the death of his father in 1946, became president of that firm.

In 1956, Loomis Advertising merged with General Telephone Directory Company, and Mr. Loomis served as

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Four Pioneer Clubs Get Awards

Seven projects ranging from painting a van to cooking several hundred pounds of chili benefited many Texans and made the Texas Bluebonnet Pioneer Club a winner of an ITPA Community Service Award. The van was refurbished by Pioneers and donated to two high school groups, which will use it to transport area nursing home patients to various activities. The chili—containing among other things 172 pounds of venison—was so good it raised over $2,000 for the Killeen-Harker Heights United Way.

Bluebonnet Pioneer Club President Patsy Webb accepts Community Service Award from ITPA President Frank Barnes.

The Bluebonnet Club also participated in two telethons, one benefiting Easter Seals and another in support of public television. Fifty-six members donated blood in another community activity on behalf of a son of a Central Telephone Company employee. And 25 members played Santa in distributing Christmas baskets to needy families. Rounding out a busy year, the Club has an ongoing program of clipping articles from newspapers and congratulating those mentioned. There is good additional public relations involved since those who receive the clippings also receive information about ITPA and the Bluebonnet Club.

A single project to help children in special education required a lot of fund raising and man hours for the James T. Maguire Club in Bakersfield, Calif., and it earned the Club one of this year's Community Service Awards. The Kern County special education facility needed equipment for its deaf and physically handicapped children, and decorating for its therapy center. Through two fund raisers, more than $1,000 was raised and a third project is in the works to finish the program.

Two Porta-Printers were provided to teach the children to use the communications device, the keyboard, TTY language and telephone etiquette, and a new typewriter will help those with difficulty in communications. As Activity Chairperson MayeVern Claborn says, it was appropriate that the Pioneers help in improving communications, "which is what we are all about." The Club also provided the school with a bicycle, and will be brightening the therapy room with cheery colors and interesting furnishings.

MayeVern Claborn, president of James T. Maguire Club, displays award with ITPA President Barnes.

The San Joaquin Club, located in the "Fruit Basket of the World" in California, was awarded a Community Service Award for what the Club calls its "Small-Hometown-Basic Everyday People Projects." And there were a gang of them in 1981, in fact almost too many to mention. Some do, however, catch the eye. There was the Criterium of the Kings. A criterium turns out to be a short bicycle race in a closed circuit, and the Club not only entered three bikers, but took first and second place as they promoted the Club's community involvement.

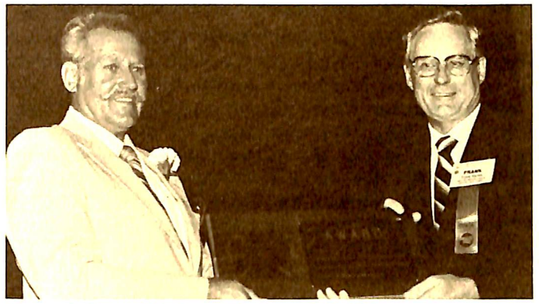
San Joaquin Club President Doris Driedger holds Community Service Award with Frank Barnes.

Then there was the dial trainer, designed and built by ITPA members for use by mentally retarded students. And the Club worked with the City of Reedy to establish a City Museum in which, of course, there is a section for telephone antiques. And don't forget the Christmas party, the movie night for convalescents, the Fiesta, the Sweetheart Brunch, Bunco....

The fourth winner in this alphabetical listing of '81 Community Service Awards is the Aubrey Wardman Pioneer Club in California. The LaColima School's unit for the physically handicapped is a continuing Club project, which recently was highlighted by the presentation of $600 for the purchase of a video tape recorder. Progress the children make will be recorded so teachers can evaluate it and improve teaching techniques.

By selling General Telephone pickup trucks and vans for Christmas gifts, by raffling an afghan and by selling scissors, the Club has been able to supply other equipment for the school: a Systems 80 to permit answering of questions by severely handicapped children, and a group of slides to show other organizations about the school.

This year's winners prove you can take very different approaches to community service, a single continuing project or a series of events to help in different areas. They both work. The four awards were presented during ITPA's annual convention in New Orleans Oct. 6.



Roger Awbrey of Aubrey Wardman Club (L) accepts award from ITPA President Frank Barnes.

Pioneer of Year and Fellowship Awards

Bringing telephone service to an educational complex in Colombia, South America, has brought ITPA Pioneer of the Year awards to two Mississippians and the ITPA Fellowship Award to their Mid-South Chapter.

Pioneer of the Year awards are granted for having made an outstanding contribution to ITPA, and Fellowship Awards are given for efforts outside local communities that benefit mankind and develop good fellowship. This year's winners have met those requirements and more—with ITPA's first international project!

The two individuals, Harry E. Waller, chairman and president of Bruce Telephone Co., and William D. Bailey, president of Decatur Telephone Co., did the work and paid their own and their wives' expenses to Colombia twice, and Independent telephone companies in Alabama and Mississippi donated $16,000 in equipment to get the job done.

The job was to install a 50-line PABX system with associated plant to interconnect a rural school of 1,800 students and to join the school to the public system.

Harry and Bernie Waller and Bill and Louise Bailey made their first two-week visit to Cali, Colombia, in 1979 after having heard of the need through the Foundation Education Superior, a Colombian group. On that trip, they determined what was needed and came home to promote the project.

The needs were quickly filled. Every company in the Alabama-Mississippi Independent Telephone Association donated equipment, which was gathered and shipped to Colombia.

Early this year the Wallers and Baileys returned to Cali with sleeves rolled up. For two weeks they were laborers, technicians, teachers and supervisors, working to get the much needed system into operation.

Today the Centro de Formacion Integral de la Hermandad Obrera is connected to the outside world for the first time. In a letter to ITPA, the director of the school, Father Jose Perez Alvarez, wrote "We sincerely appreciate your contribution...and may we take this opportunity to inform you that (the system) is rendering excellent service...among our people here (there is) a deep feeling of gratitude and admiration towards you, and towards the people of the United States...."

Harry Waller has prepared a slide presentation on the installation and training phase of the new "Centro de Formacion Integral," which we're sure he'd be glad to loan to other Pioneers.

Mid-South Chapter President Lark Miller (L) receives Fellowship Award from ITPA President Barnes.

Doreen Grace Fund for Brain Research Hopes to Break Ground This Fall

The Doreen Grace Fund for brain research and rehabilitation, an effort supported during the past two years by some two dozen ITPA Chapters and Clubs, hopes to break ground this fall for its facilities on Cape Cod.

Eleanor and Dick Grace, in a recent letter to ITPA after the association forwarded a $100 contribution from the Bill Hinkston Pioneer Club, Sycamore, Ill., reported they have been working with architects on building drawings. All plumbing and heating labor is being donated by the Cape Cod Heating and Plumbing Association, with others in the field of building expected to donate time.

Doreen Grace, the Grace's daughter, died at the age of 21 from herpes simplex encephalitis, a virus with no known cause. The fundraising effort is aimed at establishing a communications center, conference center, information computer center and rehabilitation area.

At the present time there is no centralized facility for the study of the brain and its disorders. ITPA Past President Victor G. Ritter has been a strong supporter of the goals of the fund and points out it is not too late for Pioneers to assist by sending a donation to Box 47, Acton, Mass. 01720.

Meet Your New ITPA Officers

ITPA President George F. Griffin

ITPA's new President is George F. Griffin, a Wisconsin native who has been president and general manager of the Amery Telephone Company for 26 years.

He joined the company in 1946 in installation and repair work, following four years of service in U.S. Navy telecommunications and attendance at the University of Purdue.

Mr. Griffin has been as active in his community as he has in the telephone industry. He has served six terms as mayor of Amery, and he is a past president of the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, the Amery Industrial Development Corporation and the Amery Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he served on President Carter's White House Small Business Committee.

As a Pioneer, Mr. Griffin most recently served as the national organization's first vice president. For four years he was vice president of ITPA's Region III.

In addition, he has served for 12 years as a member of the U.S. Independent Telephone Association's Government Relations Committee.

Mr. Griffin enjoys flying and logs more than 300 hours per year. He is married and has two children and five grandchildren.

First Vice President Bennet R. Miller

The national association's first vice president is Bennet R. Miller, executive vice president of the Tri-County Telephone Company and president of Tri-County Communications Corporation, New Richmond, Ind.

His industry activities include serving as a director and committee member of the Indiana Telephone Association, as well as a member of USITA's REA Borrowers Committee and Small Business Committee. He also is active in OPASTCO and is a past president of the Indiana Rural Urban Telephone Association. At the convention last month in New Orleans, he was elected to the USITA board of directors.

Mr. Miller's community service is equally extensive. He is a past president of the North Montgomery School Corporation and past chairman of the Montgomery County United Fund. He is a member of the President's Council of Purdue University and a past director of the Montgomery County Red Cross.

Long active in ITPA, Mr. Miller served as second vice president last year and is a past president of the J.K. Johnston Chapter.

He is married and has two children.

Second Vice President Charles J. King

Charles J. King is ITPA's newly elected second vice president. He currently is assistant staff manager—regulatory for Central Telephone Company in Las Vegas.

Mr. King started his career with the company in 1954 as a linesman's helper. He has held a variety of positions ranging from installer and foreman to personnel director. He began his present assignment two years ago and is responsible for liaison with the Nevada legislature, as well as with candidates for the legislature, municipal governments and state commissions.

Long involved in community activities, Mr. King has been president of the Southern Nevada Girls Club for five years and has chaired eight committees of the Las Vegas Jaycees. He is president of the Las Vegas Colts baseball team, president of the Multi Investment Corporation and treasurer of the Nevada Safety Council, among other activities.

He served as ITPA's third vice president last year and is a national director of the organization.

Mr. King attended the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, is married and has four children.

Third Vice President Richard E. Morris

Newest person on ITPA's officerial ladder is Richard E. Morris, the association's third vice president. He is training administration manager for General Telephone Company of California in Monrovia.

Mr. Morris joined the company in 1950 as an apprentice lineman in Whittier. During the next 13 years there he held positions ranging from installer-repairman to customer field representative. In the ensuing years he has worked in Santa Monica, Pomona, Whittier, Covina and

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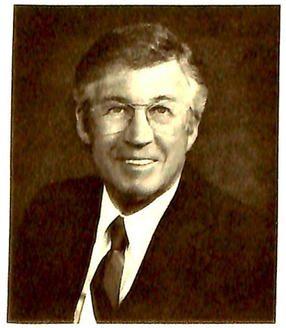

George F. Griffin

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To be elected President of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association is the highlight of my career—indeed it is the highest honor bestowed on me during my 40 years in the telephone business.

I extend my appreciation to the Board of Directors and the almost 28,000 members of the ITPA for their confidence in me. I pledge my every effort to continue the onward movement of improving our Pioneer position in the eyes of our industry and the public as well.

As a third generation telephone person, I have had the privilege of growing up in the telephone industry and, as ITPA Region III Vice President these past four years, I have had a splendid opportunity to see first hand how this great organization functions. ITPA is an organization with a strong tradition of caring. ITPA stands for Loyalty, Service and Fellowship. With the help of all Pioneers, we will carry on these traditions during 1982.

Over the past month, with the able assistance of the headquarters office, I have prepared the 1982 committee assignments, selecting the chairmen and members who are truly dedicated Pioneers—people who care about Pioneering with knowledge of the industry.

With the help of these people, plus the Regional Vice Presidents and all of our members, we will endeavor to prepare and promote some ambitious programs during the coming year—not only ambitious, but exciting.

In April our Board of Directors adopted a resolution calling for a membership goal of 60,000 by 1986. It followed recommendations made by our Executive, Planning and Membership committees and I admit it may seem rather lofty...but not at all impossible.

Look at it this way. If each member signed up just one new member, we would meet or exceed this goal. And there are those who believe that we can easily attain a membership of 100,000, so you can see the task ahead is not too difficult if we all work together.

Remember, the Membership chairman and his committee cannot accomplish this feat alone. They need the assistance of every one of us, and I urge you to put forth every effort to make this an organization stronger through greater membership and greater member participation in 1982.

To further improve our functions as leaders in our industry, we will be asking each Chapter and Club to fill out a questionnaire concerning its activities and functions. Information received will be finalized and made into a printed booklet which will be mailed to all Chapters and Clubs. We believe that this will be a valuable tool in future programming and planning and ask your cooperation to make this an accomplished fact.

In addition, our headquarters office and your executive officers will welcome the opportunity to work with any group meetings or organizational problems. We have capable people ready to provide expertise, either from the speaker's platform or with your ongoing planning.

Remember, Fellow Pioneers, those who answer the call are those who care. If we can make a commitment to help improve the lives of others—the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the crippled to walk, and to share our time with the underprivileged and aged—then we will have fulfilled our duties as Pioneers. That's what it's all about!!

I would like to share with you a message that I heard in Boston recently at the Telephone Pioneers of America annual meeting, a "motto" used by Casper E. Yost, Chapter 19.

"I shall pass through this world but once
Any good, therefore, that I can do
Or any kindness that I can show
To any human being
Let me do it now, let me
Not defer it or neglect it for
I shall not pass this way again."

Happy Pioneering to all of you in 1982.

Your caring President,

George F. Griffin

Richard Morris

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Monrovia. His assignments have included commercial manager, forecasting supervisor and training administrator.

Long active in ITPA, Mr. Morris is a past president of the Aubrey Wardman Club and most recently has been serving as vice president of the association's Region VI. He is chairman of the Membership Committee and member of the Planning Committee.

Mr. Morris has been active in the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He attended the University of Southern California and the University of California-Los Angeles.

He is married and has three children.

Happy 90th Birthday to Bertha B. Blair

ITPA Life Member Bertha B. Blair celebrated her 90th birthday on Sept. 30. She continues to work at least eight hours a day as chairman of the Denver & Ephrata (Pa.) Telephone & Telegraph Company. She has attended 50 USITA conventions, including 37 consecutively, and was honored as a "ConventionVet" at the New Orleans program last month.

Mrs. Blair began her telephone career in 1913 and has been actively involved ever since that time. The Bertha B. Blair Pioneer Club is named in her honor. She serves as treasurer of the Keystone State Chapter.

ITPA's officers and staff extend best wishes for a happy birthday.

Your Chapter and Club Reports

Daniel S. Seitz Pioneer Club Donates Illuminated Aids for Dial Phones

Many visually handicapped persons in the York, Pa., area now will be able to place their own telephone calls with the aid of special dial stickers recently donated to the York County Blind Center by the Daniel S. Seitz Pioneer Club.

"Our special white plastic sticker fits over the standard rotary dial of General Telephone's desk phone," stated **Lynn B. Loucks,** president of the Club, "and has raised illuminated blue numbers which can be more readily distinguished by visually impaired customers."

George F. Harris, executive director of the York County Blind Center, stated that the donation of dial stickers by the Club was deeply appreciated and will aid the agency to continue its ongoing program of teaching blind persons to become more independent.

Lynn B. Loucks (L) shows George F. Harris, seated, how Club's dial stickers will help visually handicapped. Standing are Club Treasurer Raymond Ward and Secretary Ruth Myers.

Mattoon Youth Receives Vis-Com

The Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club recently donated a Vis-Com unit to **Lisa Miller,** 14-year-old daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. George B. Miller** of Mattoon, Ill. The Club also presented a Vis-Com unit to Lisa's grandparents. Lisa and her grandparents are now able to transmit telephone messages to each other.

The unit also allows Lisa to receive telephone messages from anyone with push button telephones. Lisa's parents thanked the Pioneer Club for the gift and for making it possible for Lisa to communicate by telephone.

Lisa is a student at the Jacksonville School for the Deaf, where she is active in track and plans to try out for cheerleading this year.

Jim Richter (L), Pioneer Club representative, stands with Lisa Miller and David Irons, service office manager for Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company.

San Joaquin Club Plans Cookbook

ITPA's San Joaquin Club, based in Reedley, Calif., has a new fundraiser project—the Telephone Family Cookbook with recipes solicited from throughout the country.

Send your recipes to **Lula Elms**, San Joaquin Pioneer Club, 1359 G Street, Reedley, Calif. 93654. Include your name, address, and telephone number in order to contact you if necessary. In addition to the recipes, identify your name, Club name, city and state. The deadline to submit your material is Jan. 2, 1982.

A committee will review all material prior to publication. Profits from sale of the book will go to a local charity.

On Sept. 13 the Club sponsored "A Day at the Circus" for six children who otherwise would not have been able to attend. They are **Hoa** and **Vu Lee, Tina** and **Phillip Loesch,** and **Kellie** and **Shawn Chestmore.** Chaperons from the Club included **Harry** and **Marge Allston, Lula** and **Ward Elms,** and **Dutch** and **Doris Driedger.**

Minutes from the Club's board of directors meeting on Sept. 2 report a doubling of members thanks to a recent membership drive.

Plans include an adult Halloween party Oct. 24, and a Fiesta booth to sell popcorn, soda and cheese nachos Oct. 15-17.

Officers and directors to be installed at the Oct. 24 event are: President **Doris Driedger,** First Vice President **Mack Dossey,** Second Vice President **John Davis,** Secretary-Treasurer **Lula Elms,** Trustee **Mike Burke,** and Directors **Ron Numerick, Harry Allston, Eva Owens, Tillie Peterson, Dick Berger, Gene Clement, Betty Coats** and **Mick Brunswick.**

Bunova Club Presents Awards

Members and guests of the Bunova Club of Pennsylvania gathered recently at the Butler Memorial Park, Rotary Shelter, for their annual picnic hosted by United Telephone Company Pioneers, and to present awards.

Life Membership Certificates were presented to **Charles Smith,** who is retired, as well as **Dorothy Jack** and **Mary Rex.** Also recognized were two recent retirees, **Anna Coyle** and **Veronica Eury,** who were presented an ITPA pin.

A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to **E.E. MacCosbe,** a member of the Bunova Club and president of the Keystone State Chapter.

Charles Smith, retired, Dorothy Jack and Mary Rex of United Telephone Company were presented Life Membership Certificates by Jay Upperman, president of the Bunova Club.

Retirees at Bunova Club picnic: first row—Mildred Black, E.E. MacCosbe, Martin Michael, Eula Poff, Concetta Bertocki and Doris Elliott; second row—Charles Smith, E. Gordon Nelson, William D. Graham, DuWayne L. Baird, Chester Nebel, Anna Coyle and William Painter.

Mr. and **Mrs. Robert Owen** traveled the greatest distance, from Brookville. Thirteen retired members were present.

The Club again will be selling Christmas wrapping paper. In addition, the Club held a fall outing Sept. 19 in Brookville to involve more of the Pioneers in that area. In charge of arrangements were **Jim Payne, Bob Owen** and **Carl Clover.**

President **Jay Upperman** welcomed everyone and gave the invocation. Door prizes were awarded to **Concetta Bertocki, Pauline Clover, Wayne Leathers, Ed McLafferty, Theodore Minich, Harlow Packard Jr.** and **Dorothy Spithaler.**

Officers for the coming year are **Robert E. Payne**, president; **Kenneth Dingey**, vice president; **Dorothy Spithaler,** secretary and treasurer and Mr. MacCosbe, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. The remaining directors are **Stanley K. Bowser Jr., Mary E. Buckham** and Mr. Upperman.

James T. Maguire Club Working On McKinley School Redecoration

The Pioneer Party Line Bulletin of the James T. Maguire Club of California reports that the final phase of the year's project to redecorate the occupational and physical therapy rooms of the McKinley School is making good progress.

Painting has been completed and vinyl draperies and exercise mats have been purchased at a cost of $524.70. Carpeting is next on the list when fundraising is completed. Approximately $800 more is needed. A weekend trip to a condominium near Monterey is being raffled to raise funds.

Two deaf students watch as orthopedically handicapped student uses typewriter provided by James T. Maguire Club. Also watching after presentation of the typewriter is Club President MayeVern Claborn.

Nominees for 1982 Club officers are: President **MayeVern Claborn,** Vice President **Bill Fringer,** Secretary **Norma Leitka** and Treasurer **Charles Searls.** In addition, Ms. Claborn has been nominated as director-at-large for the California State Chapter of ITPA.

Student tries out specially constructed bicycle for orthopedically handicapped children. Standing (L to R) are Pioneers Bill Fringer, Norma Leitko and MayeVern Claborn.

Norwesco Chapter Gets Its Charter; Officers Nominated; Members Total 280

ITPA's newest Chapter—the Norwesco Chapter of Everett, Wash.—received its charter at a luncheon meeting of its board of directors. Pioneer **Monty Leavitt** of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, representing national Region V Vice President **Henry Borys**, made the presentation to Chapter President **Frank Knaus.**

As reported in the July issue of The PIONEER, the former Norwesco Club was affiliated with the Northwest Chaper, headquartered in Beaverton, Ore. The new Chapter has 280 members.

The Norwesco News reports plans for an arts, crafts and book sale Nov. 12-13, as well as a dinner meeting Dec. 4.

Recent retirees are **Corleen Mahlum**, Mount Vernon credit supervisor, and **Ray Rathbun**, safety director, both with General Telephone Company of the Northwest.

The newsletter also reports that the following members have been nominated as officers of the Chapter: President **Sheila Drumheller**, First Vice President **Venetta Williams**, Second Vice President **Tom Shipley**, Treasurer **Vic Westman** and Secretary **Dot Shipley.** Nominated as a National Director is **Betty Beecroft**, with **Charlie Burt** as alternate.

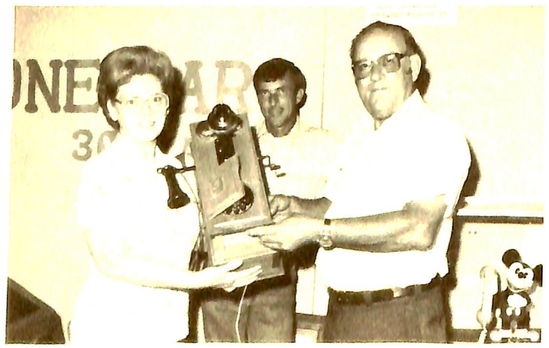
The Chapter is in the midst of a membership drive, with two $25 prizes to be presented in December at a drawing. Each time an application is submitted by a member, the member's name is entered in the drawing.

Georgia Pioneers Conduct Projects

ITPA's H.M. Stewart Sr. Pioneer Club of Cornelia, Ga., has been busy in recent weeks.

A set of crutches was given to **Mrs. Jean Swafford**, who has a broken hip, and $50 worth of groceries was given to the **Kanha Thomnaung** family, just arrived from Laos.

The Stewart Club and the Bruce Williams Future Pioneer Club co-sponsored a booth with Standard Telephone Company at the Chattahoochee Mountain Fair. Chances were offered on either a Mickey Mouse phone or an antique wall phone. The winner, **Mrs. M.J. Crocker**, chose the latter. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to finance various community service projects.



Melvin Norton and Leon Wilkinson present antique wall phone to Mrs. M.J. Crocker.

Five Pioneer Scholarships Awarded

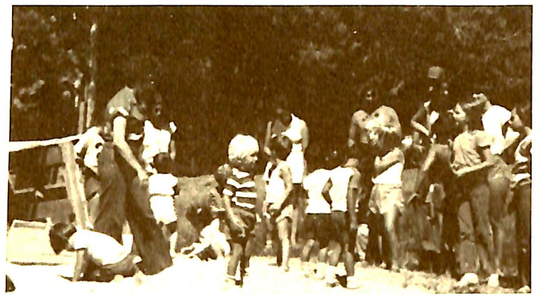
The Otto Wettstein Jr. Pioneer Club awarded five $100 scholarships to dependents of Florida Telephone employees July 30.

Recipients and their parent employees are: **Debra Sue Beckman,** daughter of **Sandy Parramore**; **Donna Sue Crissey**, daughter of **Opal Crissey**; **Robert Dean German**, son of **Judy German**; **Victoria Lynn Milton,** daughter of **Charles Milton**; and **Denise Ann Stephens**, daughter of **John Coffield.**

Mother Lode Club Holds Picnic

Nearly 100 people attended the Mother Lode Club's picnic Aug. 22 at Bear Valley, Calif. All proceeds from the event will go toward funding community service projects.

A variety of prizes were raffled at the picnic, with Pioneer Auxiliary Member **Pat Ruggles** winning the portable color TV. **Dick Bell**, past president of the Club, won



Children at Mother Lode Club picnic scramble for coins buried in sawdust.

a certificate for one share of Roseville Telephone Company stock, as well as a food processor.

Pioneer **Wanda Floyd** won an AM/FM cassette player, plus a mini griddle. And **Jack Paulsen**, past president of the Club, won an ice cream parlor.

Raffle tickets for the TV were $1 each, with five sent to each member for sale. Entrance fee was $1 for anyone 16 or older.

Prior to the picnic the Club donated $200 to the Placer Association for the Retarded and $200 to the Chapel Fund at Roseville Community Hospital.

Phil Lucier Pioneer Club Responds To Red Cross Emergency Drive

Continental's Phillip J. Lucier Pioneer Club, Wentzville, Mo., was asked to assist in an emergency blood drive, due to an acute shortage of types "O" and "B" blood in the St. Charles/St. Louis area.

The Club always has been one of the most successful organizations in assisting Red Cross blood drives, and the emergency call produced a total of 118 units, including 44 pints of "O", 21 of "B" and 41 of "A".

The Club held its family picnic at Wright City, Mo., Sept. 20, and scheduled installation of new officers for Nov. 13, with a banquet and dance.

Keystone State Chapter of Pa. Holds Seventh Annual Meeting

The seventh annual Keystone State Chapter convention was held Aug. 6-9 at the University of Pittsburgh campus in Johnstown, Pa., with the Allegheny Mountain Pioneer Club as hosts. Co-chairmen were **Sally Simpson** and **Howie Lee.**

The Chapter president's reception, sponsored by North Supply, was held Thursday evening. A golf tournament was held at the Windber Country Club on Friday. Tours at Bethlehem Steel were given Friday morning and afternoon. The Flood Memorial Tour was given Friday and Saturday.

Arts and crafts created by the Pioneers were displayed on Friday and Saturday. Awards were presented at the retirees' luncheon. A make-up demonstration was given on Saturday afternoon.

Friday evening consisted of the annual meeting at which **Robert E. Payne** of Mid-Continent Telephone Service Corporation was elected to the one-year term vacated by **R. Jerry Matthews.** Reelected to three-year terms were **Boyd H. Todd** of the North Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company and **Dorothy J. Spithaler** of North Pittsburgh Telephone Company. Newly elected to a three-year term was **Jack Kitting** of the Bell Telephone Company. **William "Bunny" Walker** was re-elected to a three-year term as the state Chapter director to ITPA.

The following officers were elected for a one-year term: President **Richard L. Post**, Vice President **John L. Krogulski**, Secretary **Winifred Peters**, and Treasurer **Bertha B. Blair.**

Newly elected officers and directors: seated: Winifred Peters, secretary; Bertha Blair, treasurer and Dorothy Spithaler, director; standing: John Krogulski, vice president; Jack Kitting and Robert E. Payne, directors; Richard Post, president; Boyd Todd, director and William F. Walker Chapter director to ITPA.

Joe Cavanaugh, sheriff of Cambria County, was master of ceremonies at the banquet which was attended by 314 Pioneers and guests. **Doris Estvanik**, president of the host Club, made introductions and announcements. Welcoming remarks were made by **Robert F. Polak**, and **E.E. MacCosbe**, retiring president of the Keystone State Chapter, installed the new officers and directors.

Mr. Post presented Mr. MacCosbe with the Past President's Plaque. **Ron Frisbee** presented the Pioneer of the Year Award to Mr. MacCosbe, and Certificates of Appreciation to **Jay T. Upperman, Victor Schuller** and **Lloyd C. Gable.** Life Member Certificates were presented to **John W. Immel** and **Atlee W. Shank. Vince Keilman** presented the attendance award to the Presque Isle Club.

Robert Flick, president of the Bertha Blair Telephone Pioneer Club, invited everyone to the eighth annual convention to be held at Elizabethtown College Aug. 5-8, 1982. To all of you pioneers who have never attended a Keystone State Chapter convention, you are missing a lot. The price has always been right. Different plans are offered depending on your arrival time and day. Each year more are arriving on Thursday to partake in the full program. If any Pioneer outside of Pennsylvania is interested in receiving information on the 1982 convention at Elizabethtown, please send your name and address to Mr. Flick at 248 Vine Street, Wrightsville, Pa. 17368.

For the second consecutive year, **Jerry Byrd** and **Edna Coppage** of ITPA's Washington, D.C., office, and their families attended.

Vis-Com Unit Presented in Illinois

Continuing its ongoing efforts to aid the deaf to communicate, ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club of Mattoon, Ill., recently donated another Vis-Com unit.

Cecile Saunders, president of the Club, and **Earl Booher**, station installation foreman, presented the unit to Hillsboro, Ill., resident **Laura Kopp** and her husband, **Richard.** Mrs. Kopp has been deaf since she was one year old. They have two children.

Eastern Hills Club Holds Dance

The Eastern Hills Pioneer Club of Ohio held a round and square dance on July 11 for members and guests. The program was held at the Elk's Lounge in Cambridge, Ohio, and consisted of dinner from 6 to 7:30 p.m., then dancing until midnight. The door prize—a hot-air popcorn popper—was won by **Marge Goldsborough.**

The Club's next activity being planned is a river boat cruise in the fall. The annual dinner is tentatively set for Nov. 7. A children's Christmas party will be held for underprivileged youngsters in Dover, Ohio.

Galloway Club Plans Holiday Activities

The Carl Hill Galloway Pioneer Club held a dinner meeting Sept. 24 in Winter Park, Fla., hearing a presentation on crime prevention by a local police officer.

The annual banquet will be on Nov. 21 at The Villa Nova, organized by **Jane Patterson** and **Alice Postans.** Oct. 22 will be Retirees Night with a musical program planned.

The Club plans to sell fruit cakes for the holidays ($4.25 for a 1 lb. loaf), as well as United Telephone System miniature vans. In addition, **Doreen Kastl** is in charge of parking lot operations during the Winter Park Christmas parade. All proceeds will go to needy families and/or children at Christmas. Also, turkey raffles will be held prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Club held a membership drive Oct. 7-21, instituting a payroll deduction plan for dues and with the Winter Park Telephone Company paying for the first year for new members.

Bill Hinkston Pioneer Club Involved With Several Community Projects

The Bill Hinkston Pioneer Club's September newsletter reports that through the efforts of **Eleanor Pasquale** of DeKalb, the Club furnished a supply of telephone directories to a retarded boy who uses them for therapy. He tears up the directories, thereby releasing some of his frustrations.

In addition, Argos Products, Genoa, Ill., has been an appreciated benefactor to various institutions. The company provided small wooden plaques for use in numerous craft projects. Pioneers involved are **Marge Warner** and **Irene Patterson**, who see to it that Carthage Nursing Home residents have a supply for their use. **Cheryl White**, along with **Jean Irwin**, a friend of the Pioneers, supplied pieces to Riverview Good Samaritan Center and Winning Wheels, Inc., both in Prophetstown, Ill.

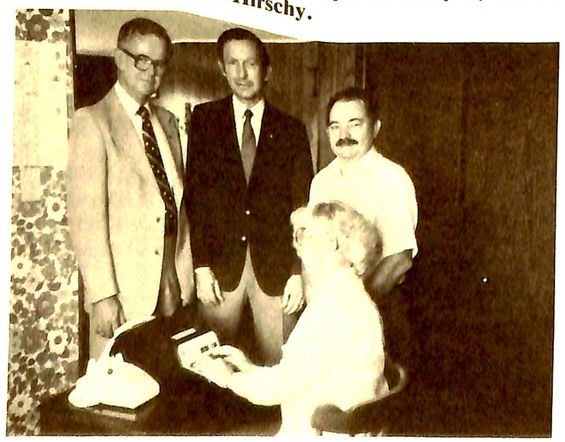
Recently the Aledo Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Five Ring Circus and **Pat** and **Ron Kerres** were very instrumental in helping "shut-ins" get to the Big Top. They assisted local nursing home residents get in and out of transportation, and they especially made two local children very happy by providing them with the opportunity to go to the circus.

Pat Kerres also presented one of the Club's "Crickets" to a young woman who is blind as a result of diabetes, the newsletter reports.

Pioneers Present First TDD in Indiana

Indiana Pioneers from the J.K. Johnston Chapter, along with C.E. McCormick, Virl Watkins and Ralph Lucier Clubs, purchased a Telephone Device for the Deaf in mid-July and placed it in the home of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Dwight Hirschy,** Berne, Ind.

Mrs. Hirschy is shown seated at a table with a telephone hooked to a new device which allows the deaf to call out and to receive calls by use of a small typewriter. From left at top are, **Joe Lumm,** public relations and community and industrial development administrator for United Telephone Company at Warsaw; **Ben Miller,** executive vice-president of Tri-County Telephone Company in New Richmond and **Dwight Hirschy.**



Dwight and Doris Hirschy know exactly what this kind of phone for the hearing impaired can mean. Dwight, deaf from birth, and Doris, who at 7 lost her hearing to a severe fever, are the recipients of the first modern TDD in Adams County, a machine used somewhat like a typewriter.

The couple has two children: an 18-year-old son, **Norman**, who has a hearing impairment but who can hear by using a hearing aid, and a 17-year-old daughter, **Brenda,** who has normal hearing.

The machine was presented to the Hirschys by Mr. Lumm, president of the J.K. Johnston Chapter, and Mr. Miller, second vice president of ITPA. Mr. Lumm was made aware of the need for telephone devices for the deaf through fellow Pioneer **Glenn Scott**, eastern division manager for United, who introduced Mr. Lumm to **Grace Nunery**, wife of the St. Mark's Church pastor in Decatur where the Hirschys are employed as janitors. The church, as a mission project, is providing the private line telephone service to be used in connection with the device.

The device the Hirschys have is the first in Indiana provided through the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association. The Micon Industries device prints 60 words per minute. Sales and service of the Micon module are provided by Tele-Tron in Indianapolis.

California Chapter Gathers in Goleta

The California Chapter held its quarterly business meeting in Goleta, Calif., June 11. ITPA Region VI Vice President Dick Morris is shown here explaining a new publication to attendees.

Santa Monica Bay Club Keeping Busy

During the past few months, the Santa Monica Bay Club has sponsored visits to several convalescent homes by **Clara Froio** and musicians to entertain patients. Diet candy has been provided.

Financial donations have included $100 to the Foundation for the Junior Blind, $75 to the Westside Special Olympics, $75 to the Olive Stone Day Care Center for the frail elderly, and $35.61 to the Braille Institute.

In addition, large boxes of cancelled stamps have been given to the Foundation for the Junior Blind and a local troop of Boy Scouts, as well as 60 lbs. of grocery cents-off coupons being donated to Our City of Hope Project.

Ohio Pioneers Aid Family After Twister Levels Home

The Clare E. Williams Club, Marion, Ohio, recently contributed $400 to Bob Breece (L), General Telephone Company of Ohio employee whose home was destroyed by a tornado at Cardington, Ohio. Shown writing the check is Dick Cramer (R), president of the Club. A new home being built for Mr. Breece and his wife, Bobbie, is expected to be completed in November. The Breeces lost their home and possessions in a June 13 tornado which killed four, injured 60 and destroyed or damaged 130 structures. Most of the downtown section of Cardington, a rural village near Marion, was leveled by the twister. The Breeces, who were home at the time, escaped without injury.

Viking Pioneers Donate Equipment

United Telephone Company of Minnesota's Viking Pioneer Club recently donated a special "lights-off" device for the hearing impaired and an oxygen flowmeter and humidifier for an ambulance service.

Employees **Ron Dertinger, Al Kunze** and **Bob Clayton** were responsible for presenting the "lights-off" device to **Tammy Dahlke,** a Chaska customer who has a hearing impairment. This device flashes lights on and off whenever her telephone rings. Ms. Dahlke, who cleans the general office building, has a special "hearing" dog that is trained to serve as her ears, like seeing-eye dogs serve as a blind person's eyes. She has been featured on local TV talk shows and in local newspapers.

In addition, **Jerry Iverson**, plant supervisor, and **Don Timm**, cable splicer, presented an oxygen flowmeter and humidifier to the Plainview ambulance service. This equipment regulates the amount of oxygen given to a victim and will be used as a back-up unit on the ambulance.

Illinois Pioneers, Telco Hold Picnic

The annual picnic of the Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company and the Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club was held Aug. 30 at Forest Park in Shelbyville, Ill. Nearly 450 employees, retirees and their families attended.

Shaw's Catering Service of Decatur prepared barbecued roast beef with all the trimmings. The afternoon of activities included bingo, horseshoes, volleyball, sack races and tug-o-war.

Holmwood-Lorbeer Club Meets

ITPA's Holmwood-Lorbeer Club held a Hawaiian Luau in July at the Diamond Bar Country Club, Diamond Bar, California.

In the photo above, Club president **Jim Verbick** presents a money lei to retiree and doorprize winner **Opal Clarkson.** Mr. Verbick is serving his third term as president of the Club and is a past president of the California Chapter.

Personal Notices

Past USITA President 'Rudy' Rudolph Dies

Pioneer **R.E. "Rudy" Rudolph**, president of USITA during 1963-64, passed away Aug. 14 at the age of 78. He was chairman of the board of the Ellensburg (Wash.) Telephone Company.

Mr. Rudolph served 44 years with the company, which he joined as manager. He also served as president of the Washington Independent Telephone Association.

He also was on ITPA's Hall of Fame Honors Court.

He is survived by his wife, **Marian;** a daughter, **Barbara Kachlein;** two grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

Jack D. Thomas of Wisconsin Dies; Two Illinois ITPA Members Retire

One Pioneer from General Telephone Company of Wisconsin recently passed away and two others from General Telephone Company of Illinois retired, according to a report in the companies' newsletter.

Jack D. Thomas of the Wisconsin company died June 29 at Sun Prairie. He had worked 23 years with three GTE companies, most recently as construction detailer. He is survived by his wife, **Wanda,** and children.

Retiring from the Illinois company are **Carl H. Bradshaw** after 41 years of service and **Arnold Rigsby** with 33 years of service.

Mr. Bradshaw worked as a switching technician, most recently at Tuscola. His father, **R.R. Bradshaw**, spent 18 years with the company.

Mr. Rigsby held positions as apprentice installer-repairman, central office repairman, combinationman and serviceman. Most recently he was facility technician at Streator, retiring at the end of July, as did Mr. Bradshaw.

Former USITA Pres. Peter Nenzel Dies

Peter A. Nenzel, president of USITA in 1965-66 and long a member of ITPA, died in early September at the age of 77.

Mr. Nenzel retired in 1969 from General Telephone Company of California as executive vice president.

He was born in Saskatchewan, Canada, Nov. 7, 1903, and was first employed by the Railroad Commission of California in 1920. In 1926 he joined Loveland Engineers, a forerunner of Western Utilities Corporation, and its operating affiliate, California Water & Telephone Company. This firm was merged with General Telephone of California in 1969.

Mr. Nenzel was a USITA director from 1958 to 1967 and on the Executive Committee from 1959-1967.

Helen B. Stich of Wisconsin Retires

Helen B. Stich, a member of ITPA since 1957, retired from General Telephone Company of Wisconsin at Sun Prairie on Aug. 14. She had more than 37 years of service with the company.

Ms. Stich started her career as a temporary clerk. She has worked as accounting clerk, senior accounting clerk, general accounting supervisor and reports accountant.

Pearl Baker of Illinois Retires

Pioneer **Pearl Baker** of Mattoon, Ill., retired Sept. 1 after 25 years of industry service. She is a member of the Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club and has been working as a message investigation center clerk for the Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company.

Ms. Baker most recently joined the company in 1966, but she had 10 years of previous service with the firm.

Paul Kaufman Passes in Tucson

Memorial services were held Aug. 5 in Tucson, Ariz., for **Paul H. Kaufman**, 81, retired director of public information for the former Northern Ohio Telephone Company. Mr. Kaufman died Aug. 3 in Tucson.

Mr. Kaufman retired from Northern in 1966 after 36 years with the company. Northern was acquired by GTE in 1968. He also is a former owner of Continental Telephone Company, Continental, Ohio, a single-exchange Independent company.

Before retirement he served as a director of several other telephone companies in Ohio.

Mr. Kaufman was a charter member and past president of the Buckeye Chapter of ITPA and served on committees of USITA and the Ohio Telephone Association.

He is survived by his widow, **Bertha**, of Tucson, and son **Robert** of Continental, Ohio.

Laura M. Ericson Dies at 90

Pioneer **Laura M. Ericson** died at the age of 90 in Minneapolis. Her 47-year telephone company career began in 1928 as an operator for the Hector Telephone Exchange. The company later became the Minnesota Central Telephone Company, from which she retired as commercial manager.

Her brother, **Alfred L. Ericson**, was the first manager of the Hector company, as well as a founder and director of the Minnesota Telephone Association. Survivors include **Harold Ericson**, president of the Granada Telephone Company, according to a report in the Minnesota association's newsletter.

Pioneers in the News

Two Pioneers were featured in the September issue of *Phone Call* magazine published by the National Telephone Cooperative Association—**Bernice M. Herold**, president of the Twin Valley-Ulen (Minn.) Telephone Company, and **Pansey M. Askins**, head of the Chesnee (S.C.) Telephone Company.

The same issue features a full page article on ITPA, its history, its goals and its projects. Secretary-Treasurer **Mary Lee** was quoted in the story, pointing out that "the public service that the Pioneers do is a great public relations tool...." for the industry.

Two other Pioneers, **Eleanor** and **Dana Haskin**, were cited in the *Congressional Record* of Sept. 14. The innovative equipment and service of their firm, the Waitsfield-Fayston (Vt.) Telephone Company, was reported in a news article from the *Burlington Free Press* newspaper of Aug. 23.

Congratulations to all of these Pioneers for the good publicity.

Jack T. Shriner Retires to Fla.

Jack T. Shriner is retiring after 45 years in the telephone industry and with his wife, **Barbara**, will be moving from Columbus, Ohio, to Seffner, Fla., where he is looking forward to joining the Pioneer Chapter in Tampa. A Life Member of ITPA, he has been active in the Keystone and Theodore Gary Chapters.

Mr. Shriner started in the industry with Western Electric Company in 1936, followed by service with Pennsylvania Telephone Corporation and Ohio Association Telephone Company. He was with ITT Telecommunications in the U.S. and Latin America, Northern Telecom Inc. on the original entry in the Southeast, and most recently with Brand-Rex Teltronics Inc., Lakeland, Fla.

Pioneer Donald Dickson Retires

Pioneer **Donald F. Dickson**, general manager of the Project Mutual Telephone Cooperative Association, retired July 1. He will be succeeded by **Jeffrie A. Adams.**

Mr. Dickson was made a director of the Rocky Mountain Telecommunications Association in 1957 and was either a director, vice president or president for 14 years, serving as president in 1960-61.

Mr. Dickson started his career in 1945. He lives in Rupert, Idaho.

Three Pioneers Retire in Michigan

General Telephone Company of Michigan's employee newsletter reports the retirement of three Pioneers: **Catherine W. Giddings, Melba J. Mann** and **Cornelia Jorgenson.**

Mrs. Giddings worked 28 years for the company, most recently as an engineering aide. She started as an operator.

Mrs. Mann spent 30 years with the company, mostly as an operator and also as a PBX supervisor and instructor.

The 35-year career of Mrs. Jorgenson concluded at the end of September. She started as an operator and has been a traffic clerk for the past 24 years.

John Mudrak Honored by Kiwanis

Pioneer **John Mudrak**, Elyria (Ohio) Telephone Company continuing property records supervisor, was honored by Kiwanis International for 25 years of service.

Mr. Mudrak, who was awarded "distinctive recognition" by the organization at its recent awards ceremony, was also recognized for 15 years of perfect Kiwanis meeting attendance.

Ivan Dove Retires after 47 Years

Pioneer **Ivan C. Dove**, former district manager of the Newark (Ohio) Telephone Company, retired June 1, ending a career that spanned nearly 47 years, according to a story in *Intercom*, Mid-Continent Telephone Corporation's inhouse publication.

That career began when he was hired as a bookkeeper by Newark Telephone in 1934. Six years later, after having been promoted to accountant, Mr. Dove became auditor.

In 1942, he was drafted by the U.S. Army. After a 37-month tour of Europe, he returned to Newark.

By 1961, he had become a director of the telephone company as well as assistant secretary-treasurer. In 1967, he was appointed secretary-treasurer and general auditor by the board of directors.

Ten years later Mr. Dove achieved the ultimate positions of president, chief executive officer and director. He held those titles until Sept. 21, 1979, when the Newark Telephone Company merged with Mid-Continent Telephone Corporation.

R.B. Pearman of Arkansas Retires

R.B. (Bob) Pearman, public affairs and administrative manager of Continental Telephone Company of Arkansas, retired Sept. 1 after more than 36 years in the telephone business, the last 21½ years with Continental Telephone or a predecessor company.

He was commercial manager for all Continental companies in Missouri for five years, and was president and general manager of Continental Telephone Company of Kansas for five years. He was appointed vice president and state manager of Continental Telephone Company of Arkansas in 1977.

Following a heart attack and by-pass surgery in 1978, he became public affairs and administrative manager.

Mr. Pearman began his career in telephony as local manager for the Western Light and Telephone Company in North Central Missouri in 1945. He was a field representative in the telephone operations and loans division of REA in Iowa from 1957 to 1960. He has served as a director of the Missouri Telephone Association, the Kansas Telephone Association, and the Arkansas Telephone Association, and has been a member of the telephone Pioneer Clubs in all three states.

Dorothy L. Shoaf of Florida Retires

ITPA member **Dorothy L. Shoaf** retired Aug. 1 after 34 years of service with the Florida Telephone Corp. Most recently she has been chief operator in Ocala.

She started her telephone career in 1938 with Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

Her retirement luncheon was held July 29 at the Coach and Paddock Restaurant in Ocala, with many co-workers and friends joining the celebration.

Three GTE Pioneers Change Positions

Three General Telephone Pioneers are on the move, according to a recent report of "Southwest News," published by General Telephone Company of the Southwest.

Rolland W. Britt, president of the company since 1978 and president of GTE's Pennsylvania company before that, retired Aug. 1. He began his career with GTE in 1949, after working for Arthur Andersen & Company.

E.L. "Buddy" Langley succeeded him as president of the Southwest Company. Mr. Langley started with General Telephone of the Southwest in 1948, and after 13 years moved to the General System's Pennsylvania company. He also has held positions with General companies in Florida, Kentucky and, most recently, as president of the Southeast company.

Pioneer **Donald G. Prigmore** has been named to succeed Mr. Langley as president in Durham, N.C., where the Southeast company is headquartered. Most recently he was president of GTE's Michigan company.

ITPA's Newest Life Members

Life Members are those who have engaged in the telecommunications industry for a period of 40 years and who have been members of this association for not less than 15 years.

New Life Members recorded at Headquarters during August and September:

AUGUST

Floyd Hoff	North Star Chapter
C. Winnifred Olson	North Star Chapter

SEPTEMBER

Charles C. Behrendt	Empire State Chapter
Lyra M. Clark	Peter A. Nenzel Pioneer Club
Leslie G. Hansen	Frank H. Woods Chapter
John W. Immel	Central Penna. Pioneer Club
Wilhelmina C. Potteiger	Central Penna. Pio. Club
Charles R. Rambo	National Capital Chapter
Atlee W. Shank	Central Penna. Pioneer Club
Richard S. Sides	Bertha B. Blair Tel. Pio. Club
Alfred J. Stumpf	Oxnard Pioneer Club

Life Member Douglas Guild Passes

ITPA Life Member **Douglas S. Guild**, former chairman of Hawaiian Telephone Company, died Aug. 23 at the age of 74. He served on the association's Hall of Fame Honors Court.

Mr. Guild joined the company when he was 15 and had 55 years of service when he retired in 1978. He served as president from 1962 to 1972, at which time he also was named chairman.

He is survived by his wife, **Janet**, a son, **Robert**, a sister and two grandchildren.

Hall of Fame

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president of the parent company for 22 years until his retirement in 1978. During his years, the company expanded rapidly both domestically and internationally. The firm's sales increased more than 3,000 percent, and directory revenues became a significant source of income for telephone companies.

Mr. Loomis and his wife, Polly, live in Kenilworth, Ill., in the Chicago area where he has been extremely active in civic and business organizations. He is a member of the Illinois Business Hall of Fame, and is currently working with that group to educate Illinois high school and college students in business leadership matters.

Wesley H. Loomis III holds Hall of Fame plaque. On the left is Paul Henson; on the right is Mrs. Loomis.

Francis X. Welch

Francis X. Welch made his major contribution to the Independent telephone industry as a utility trade journalist.

After receiving a law degree from Georgetown University in his native Washington, D.C., in 1927, Mr. Welch practiced law briefly before becoming legal editor of *Public Utilities Reports* and beginning a long and distinguished career in public utility law, communication and education.

In 1934 he became associate editor of *Public Utilities Fortnightly* and *P.U.R. Executive Information Service*, was named editor of the two publications in 1940, and was elevated to editor in chief of all P.U.R. publications in 1966.

Honors Committee Chairman Paul Henson (L) presents plaque to Francis X. Welch at luncheon ceremony.

Mr. Welch also served as professor of public utility law at Georgetown University Law Center from 1960 to 1970, and was Washington editor of *Telephony* magazine for 27 years ending in 1961. And for more than 10 years he helped teach at the USITA management development program at Kansas University.

Mr. Welch's work was widely recognized and served as a valuable resource for both the telephone industry and the news media. In 1970 he received the second annual award of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners for the most significant contribution to improving the quality of public utility regulation in America. He is the author of many books in the regulatory field.

Retired in 1975, Mr. Welch and his wife, Audrey, live in Churchton, Md.

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